

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR RADIO COORDINATION COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Sunday May 27, 2012 at NSEMO, North Vancouver, BC.

1. Opening of Meeting: Vice-President Ed Frazer VE7EF opened the meeting at 1000 hours, and advised that President Matt Lewis VA7MJL, of Nanaimo, BC, was unable to attend. Since Frazer is also the Secretary, he proposed that the Directors appoint Past-President Bill Tracey VE7QQ to chair the meeting. Approved by Directors.

Bill Tracey VE7QQ then took the chair.

2. Declaration of Quorum: 28 delegates and 8 observers attended. (A quorum is 9 delegates representing 3 clubs)

3. Welcome and Introductions:

- Dorit Mason VE7SLH, Director of the North Shore EMO welcomed the delegates, and commented on NSEMO's standby preparedness for the spring floods.
- Nick Massey VA7NRM, President of the NSARC, welcomed delegates on behalf of the North Shore Amateur Radio Club.
- The Chair introduced Bryan Hoyer KG6GEU (now K7UDR), representing the Western Washington Amateur Relay Association
- The Chair introduced the attending Directors, Officers and Coordinators. All attendees introduced themselves with name, call, and club affiliation.

4. Motion to approve the agenda: Carried

5. Minutes of 2011 AGM: Motion to accept the Minutes as circulated; Carried

6. Correspondence:

- Letter from Grand Forks ARC.
- Correspondence between Sun Coast ARC and Ed Dunham.

7. Officer Reports:

- President's Report: Operations during the past year were summarized.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Brian Summers VE7JKZ submitted the financial report for 2011 and moved acceptance of the financial reports; Carried
- Treasurer Brian Summers VE7JKZ presented a budget for 2012 and moved that dues be retained at \$20 per delegate. Carried
- Coordinators' Report: Chief Coordinator George Merchant VE7QH submitted his report, and reviewed activities for the past year.
 - Bryan Farrar moved that the Council consider an annual recoordination of each repeater to verify that it is still on the air. Carried.
 - WWARA advised that they use an on-line verification of each repeater.

- Barry Yee pointed out that the BCARCC repeater list is linked on many amateur club websites.
- Policy Chair Bill Tracey VE7QQ reported that the Council was operating smoothly and on-budget, that the Council was receiving support from Clubs in BC and Yukon, and from Industry Canada.

8. Business arising from 2011 Minutes:

Several initiatives proposed at the 2010 AGM were reviewed, and carried forward to the next year for more detailed study and resolution. These initiatives included:

- a. Updating of 2 M bandplan : Bill VE7QQ reported that the new bandplan has been created and will be posted on the website with a request for comments.
- b. Use of 2 M simplex channels by emergency program groups: Bill VE7QQ advised that the original plan developed by Tom Cox created interfering Inter-Mod products for certain channel combinations. He has created an IM analysis program which permitted each club to test selected simplex frequencies, and gave a demonstration. Member clubs can obtain a copy of the IM program by a request to the Secretary.
- c. Repeater Database: The Chief Coordinator, with help from the Secretary and some Directors, is contacting clubs and repeater operators to ensure that all repeaters are included in the BCARCC database. The WWARA delegate reported that their group sends a letter to repeater operators using the FCC-listed address. If the letter is returned, the operator is in contravention of the FCC requirement to maintain a valid address. Same rule applies in Canada.
- d. BCARCC website: George VE7QH reviewed a suggestion that BCARCC move to a lower cost server, and reported that he has frequent need for adjustments to the on-line posting for new and updating coordinations, and thus recommends staying with Techsys Communications Ltd. for domain registration and hosting services.
- e. Location Data: Ian Procyk VE7HHS had proposed that location data be added to the published repeater lists, for use in a mapping program. The present on-line form could be altered to make this information optional, and at minimum, another field could be added such as: "Public Lat/Long" with coarse resolution to enable mapping to a district. He also pointed out that a Province-Wide coverage map could be generated with the program "Radio Mobile".

9. New Business:

- a. Bryan Hoyer KG6GEU (now K7UDR) of the Western Washington Amateur Relay Association gave a brief report on coordination activities in their region.
- b. Industry Canada, Lower Mainland District - Pacific Region, provided a one page letter outlining activities of interest to Amateurs.

10. Elections: The AGM concluded with the election of Directors for a two year term:

- Fraser Valley: Nick Gaudio VE7TE, Maple Ridge ARC
- Lower Mainland: Jim Forsyth VA7FJE, VECTOR
- Lower Mainland: Bill Tracey VE7QQ, NSARC
- Vancouver Island North: No nomination was received.
- Northern BC: There being no nomination, Mike Garneau VE7CL, Kamloops ARC, was appointed interim Director for one year;

Directors continuing for the 2nd year of a two-year term:

- Lower Mainland: Ian Procyk VE7HHS, Coquitlam ARC
- Vancouver Island-South: Dom Kapac VA7CRO, Saanich EP;
- South Interior: Ian McLaughlin VE7BST, Orchard City ARC, Kelowna;

Retiring Directors: The Chair recognized Directors retiring:

- Dave Barber VE7BU, Langley ARC: Fraser Valley
- Ed Frazer VE7EF, Point Grey ARC: Greater Vancouver
- Robert Trohill VE7TRO VECTOR: Greater Vancouver
- Matt Lewis VA7MJL, Nanaimo ARC: Vancouver Island North

11. Closing Remarks: Thanks were extended to the hosts, NSARC and NSEMO, and to retiring Directors.

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1200.

Election of 2012-2013 Officers:

Following adjournment, the Directors met to elect the following officers:

- President: Bill Tracey VE7QQ
 - Vice-President: Jim Forsyth VA7FJE
 - Treasurer: Brian Summers VE7JKZ
 - Secretary: Ed Frazer VE7EF
 - Chief Coordinator: George Merchant VE7QH
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